From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: "Warren, Mike" <mwarren@fs.com>
Subject: (forwarded from rec.radio.swap)
Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=FSFT%l=EMAIL-970207210456Z-708@email.fs.com>

(this just popped up on rrs)

 have for sale a Hickok 6000 mutual conductance tube tester. This unit is in excellant condition and looks near new. There are no finger wear marks on the tester and the outside case is very clean. I am asking $125 OBO. Please e-mail responses.

E-mail:
Deanbers@ix.netcom.com

Thanks,
Dean

(contact him, not me)

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Bob Duckworth <WB4MNF@atl.org>
Subject: RE: AN/SRT-14 Exploding Capacitors ..... cont.
Message-ID: <01BC15C2.EC26DD60@office>

From: Boat Anchors collection ID
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 1997 6:37 PM
Subject: Re: AN/SRT-14 Exploding Capacitors ..... cont.

Exploding Capacitors often happen when you "plug it in and fire for effect"

Just lift bleeders off gnd. & supply 400V or so thru 20K ohms 'til voltage drop across resistors drops to nil. If no drop, find the hot can & replace that 'lytic.

That'll save a lot 'o heartaches.

However I fire for effect at times - like on a '57 magnavox fono last weekend

I just plugged her in, ran 'til some crackles, doused it., & went thru several of these cycles 'til stabliity. Maggy just as content as h3!! playing Patsy Cline & Jimmy Reeves again - after surviving "consumer 'lytic

reformation" (as seen on wall of Cathedral @ Wurtemburg)

M

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Mike Toneri <toneri@ils.net>
Subject: BA fun on Friday night!
Message-ID: <199702080323.WAA08114@server1.ils.net>

As I sit here, I am listening to NA4G with a fine 599 signal on 3577 kcs. Also in the group are Dennis W5FRS, Paul K2LMQ, Howie WB2AWQ, AC5P who left in a hurry with a case of TVI and another 4 station whose call I just missed. I didn't think that thre would be so many BA stations on the air tonight so it was a nice surprise. Despite the heavy QRM from some RTTY (contest?) everyone was Q5 copy on the SX115. I fired up the Invader 2000 amplifier section just to make sure I got through the QRM. It must have worked since I don't hear the RTTY now.
Paul just turned up the heat with his Ranger2/Thunderbolt combo...very strong now.
It's interesting to note that these BA operators are quite skilled in the fine art of CW roundtable operation, a skill that is rapidly disappearing now that CW is being phased out of most areas of this hobby. I will not get into endless arguments about code versus no-code licencees. Suffice to say I like CW and as long as there are others that operate CW I will continue to use that mode also.
Phooey a RTTY op has just about zeroed in on us again making life a bit difficult.
73 for now...Mike VE3FGU

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Mike & Lynda Toneri E-mail: toneri@ils.net
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Spencer Petri <spetri@e-tex.com>
Subject: Book FS!
Message-ID: <m0vsygw-0000RTC@e-tex.com>

Hello Book Buyers,

This is it! The Radio & Electronics Handbook, Second Edition, Copyright 1948, 1950.

About 4 1/25" x 6 1/2", 890 pages. Shows some age but is in good condition. As good as the Radiotron Designers Handbook and has more RF generation information. Also has tube listings with diagrams, sections on sound recording, propogation, antennas and feedlines.

$30 + $4 postage.

73 de Pete WA5JCI
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6 Mtr -- WAS #490, WAC CW, DXCC/91 Countries, VUCC/618 Grids
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Spencer Petri <spetri@e-tex.com>
Subject: Book is Sold!
Message-ID: <m0vt0R6-00002JC@e-tex.com>

Thanks.
73 de Pete WA5JCI
****
6 Mtr -- WAS #490, WAC CW, DXCC/91 Countries, VUCC/618 Grids
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: hdmeitzen@champion.aclic.com (HD Meitzen)
Subject: FS 75S1,32S1,516F2,R390 ---SOLD
Message-ID: <9702081600.28431C@champion-0845.aclic.com>

BA's are great!The HQ170 is still available.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: WA6GYD@aol.com
Subject: FS Eimac 3-200A3
Message-ID: <970208135834_-1542868194@emout08.mail.aol.com>

I have 2 ea new in the box 3-200A3-592 tubes. What in the world are they for??they are triodes, with what looks like a taped thoriated tungston fil. Wonder if they go in any amature equipment? Neat looking things. Any one interested??

Don

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: hdmeitzen@champion.aclic.com (HD Meitzen)
Subject: FS working 75S1,32S1,517F2 and HQ170, non working R390
Message-ID: <9702081522.0543B8@champion-0845.aclic.com>

The Collins is 9.5 NO SCRATCHES or DINGS.
The HQ170 is 6.5 with speaker Front Panel is 7.5
R390A is very restorable non standard BFO knob. Unit is complete.

I am looking for a clean working R390A of Collins Mfg.

Bid on the above if you have interest. Call at 630-577-8131 days if you want the intimate details of each unit.

If your close and want to look I am in Glen Ellyn IL
Dave
AA9TT

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: KB9VU@aol.com
Subject: FS: DX Engineering Speech Procesor
Message-ID: <970208065431_-1341982952@emout12.mail.aol.com>

for the Drake T-4X and TR-4X series transmitters/transceivers. Original manual included. $125 shipped.

Mike, kb9vu@aol.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: william wiggins <bwigg@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: FS: Motorola BA
Message-ID: <19970208151620.AAA26037@LOCALNAME>

 I have a old Motorola FM VHF 300 plus watt base unit. Stands about 6 ft tall in a rack type housing. Has speaker and several meters across the top for Plate current, Plate voltage etc. Was being used by the GA state patrol when removed from service. It has been in storage since.(about 10 years) Has

a pair of 4-125's in final(I think). It has some real hefty HV parts in the pwr supply. This is a pickup only, as it weighs about 300 pounds. If nobody is interested in this unit as is, I will strip it to build me a amp. I am located in Albany, Ga. About 175 miles south of Atlanta, Ga. Price only $50.

WA4GKI

Billy

Bwigg@worldnet.att.net

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: djhutch@concentric.net
Subject: FS: Receivers
Message-ID: <32FC4769.30A0@concentric.net>

I have two receivers for sale. Need to make room for recent aquisitions:

Hammurland HQ-129X. Very nice shape, works great. Front panel in excellent condition. $200 plus shipping.

Hallicrafters SX-110. Very nice condition, works great. $150 plus shipping.

Please e mail all replies.

73's

Dave K9HT

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Bill Meara <wmeara@erols.com>
Subject: Help with DX-60B
Message-ID: <199702082009.PAA07911@smtp2.erols.com>

Anchorologists:

Snow is falling in the nations's capital and I am hibernating in the hamshack. I started fooling with a DX-60B that I picked up at a hamfest a few weeks ago.
I don't have a manual yet, but trapped as I am in the house, I decided to check out the transmitter.

Its in pretty good shape. Everything lights up, the caps are OK, and there is B+. I can get around 50 watts out on 40 meters.

A couple of questions:

There seems to be some sort of wierd keying arrangement in this rig. Without a key plugged in, it is in key down condition. When I ground the line to the key jack, the rig goes key up. It is kind of backwards. Also, the key jack is a BNC. Wierd. Is this the setup for some sort of keyer or RTTY arrangement? How can I get it back to normal. What are all those diodes and transistors on the terminal strip near the center of the chassis (topside)?

What kind of microphone should I use with this rig? I've experimented with a D-104, but I can't seem to get it to modulate. Power out drops to about 10 watts when I switch from CW to AM. I think it is supposed to do that, correct?
Any help or advice would be much appreciated.

73 De N2CQR
Bill Meara
Hallicrafters, Heaths and Hammarlunds
QTH: Falls Church, Virginia, USA
Formerly of Tegucigalpa, Bilbao and Santo Domingo
wmeara@erols.com
http://www.mindspring.com/~johnmb/billm.htm

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Rich Arland <qrprich@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
Subject: HQ-110 Alignment Problems
Message-ID: <19970207223323.AAA2487@LOCALNAME>

Gang:

Need some guidance.

The manual for the HQ-110 is pretty sparce when it comes to the alignment portion. Having successfully resurected two HQ-170s last year, I figured that the 110 would be a cinch. Oh, how wrong!

My problem is the linearity of the tuning dial. On 160 meters I can get no closer than 87 kc end to end. Align it at 1.8 and it is 87 kc off at 2.0 mc.

Similarily on 80 I am 53 kc out, end-to-end, 40 meters is about 41 kc and 20 meters is 37 kc. I haven't tried the other bands yet.

Try as I might, I cannot get the linearity down to acceptable (+/- 5kc) limits. I'm going around in circles. In addition, as the alignment progresses, the piston caps that control the high end of each band tend to be pulled almost out of their adjustment range (toward minimum capacitance). This is not as it should be.

After 3 hours of frustrating non-progress, I gave up for the day, had a cup of Earl Gray tea, and decided to throw this one out to the BA group. Anyone got any ideas?

Your thoughts, please.

73 es tnx.

rich K7SZ

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Mike Toneri <toneri@ils.net>
Subject: Re: HQ-110 Alignment Problems
Message-ID: <199702080323.WAA08118@server1.ils.net>

At 04:38 PM 2/7/97 -0600, Rich Arland wrote:
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>be pulled almost out of their adjustment range (toward minimum capacitance).
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Hello Rich. I had a HQ110 at one time but it did not exhibit the extreme non-linearity across the dial that yours does. Something is not quite right

there. Check the OSC section of the main tuning capacitor and make sure that the plates are all in proper alignment. If the plates or even one of the rotor plates is bent it will throw the tracking all off. It's only a suggestion but I had a receiver that had that problem. It can be a very frustrating time when you can't get them to align according to the book. Good luck es 73...Mike VE3FGU

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Mike & Lynda Toneri E-mail: toneri@ils.net
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Looking for vibrator.
Message-ID: <19970208033424.AAA27771@LOCALNAME>

Hello gang,

Anybody out there have a Mallory 1514 vibrator is good shape?
OR.....any heavy duty 4 pin vibrator with the following connections:
Pin 1- reed
Pin 2 and 3 fixed switching contacts
Pin 4 driver coil/contacts

The 1514 is a 6 volt vibrator. A 12 volt unit will do just fine.

Any out there in the junkbox? (Especially you 2-way FM VHF gear people from the old Motorola Sensicon and GE Progress Line days.)

73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW
"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"
417 Ridgewood Drive,
Metairie, LA., 70001
ebjr@worldnet.att.net
Looking for: Hallicrafters SR-75, 860 tubes
Butternut HF2V antenna, G-R test gear.....*

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Bob Duckworth <WB4MNF@atl.org>
Subject: Marconi auction, see www.christies.com
Message-ID: <01BC15B3.39BC43E0@office>

Don't know if this is old news or not but could find no reference to it here.

www.christies.com/sales/marconi/marc1.html

73,
bob

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: hdmeitzen@champion.aclic.com (HD Meitzen)
Subject: Need Help From Ft. Lauderdale BA
Message-ID: <9702081530.2043B8@champion-0845.aclic.com>

I am getting ready to send off big bucks for a 30S1. I need someone
to take a look and confirm condition. I recommend that as BAers we
support each other with this service when possible. This is a super
valueadded to this group. I will be happey to reciprocate. I am in
western sub of Chicago. If someone out there has time please call my
toll free number 800-323-3529 ext 8131.
Thanks
Dave
AA9TT

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Brien Pepperdine <pepperb@gov.on.ca>
Subject: Newark order anyone?
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.3.93.970207183810.17292B-100000@govonca2.gov.on.ca>

Sorry if this seems minor and a bit S.S rather than tubes, but the BA list
is where those who buy and build things beyond 2 amps of power used:

Anybody out there anyone doing an order with
Newark Electronics that I could piggyback an order for a Cinch-Jones plug?
I would like to get the DC connector for my Drake PS-7 (TR7 supply), which
is about 6 dollars and change, but in looking thru their catalog I am at a
complete loss as to what else I could buy that would meet the 25 dollar
order minimum. Everyone I could want is either pennies (caps, resistors)
or extraordinarily expensive and not required (I can buy soldering irons
and
much other hardware/tools/rack stuff much cheaper here both new and
used.... but NO electronics house around here stocks the type of
Cinch-Jones the Drake uses, just other not useful types).

If you might be willing to add my plug to your order with Newark or know
of an easy source for the P-404CT (male version, 4 prongs, 1 circular

polarity key) that I can get without a song and dance in order/shipping, I'd sure like to know. This, quite simply, will let me use the PS7 as a 25 amp PS on things other than the Drake, thereby avoiding about 200 dollars spent on a utility p.s. I hope at least this is a hint for someone using a dedicated supply.

For tube content - I have at last pondered the EF Johnson manuals enough to figure out how to use an external vfo into the things rather than crystals. EFJ is not altogether obvious on how to use vfos other than the EFJ models, so the manuals ("Scotch" at best in their content thoroughness) tend to bury the instructions inside a lot of detail as to how to rewire a VFO122 to use the power socket - god forbid one would want to use the same vfo on three or more different transmitters, given the degree of rewiring of the octal plug on the vfo). All the same, using a vfo with the requisite DC blocking capacitor on the Halli HT18 vfo did the trick and avoids the EFJ power plug gymnastics. I took the Halli to a tech college last fall and saw the output of this exciter/vfo was very pure and it can indeed by a useful standalone qrp rig if desired, though I would feel more at ease knowing the output goes through a PI network tuner and a low-pass filter nonetheless, just to be sure the fundemental is in the air and any remaining nasties are filtered out (even though we saw very little extraneous product on the spectrum analysis).

Thanks,
Brien
Toronto
pepperb@gov.on.ca

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Dan Martin <dmartin@visuallink.com>
Subject: Re: Rangers/Valiants & Booze
Message-ID: <32FC84E0.28F8@visuallink.com>

ARONGV@aol.com wrote:
>
> Hi Gang:
>
> Once and a while I get a chance to work on a Valiant or a Ranger ...
> same cosmetic problem: They're missing some of those little white pieces on
> the knobs that let you know which position it's in.

> Funny thoughts hit your head at 35,000 feet. I looked at the swizzle
> Next morning at home I raced down to the shack with my trusty swizzle stick.
> Yep, perfect fit. So I got out a razor blade & cut a full set and installed
> them. Beautiful.
>

> I could say the bottom line is to drink more when you fly. No, just try
> asking the stew for another 20 swizzle sticks!!!
>
> 73s
>
> Ron Wo0IZ

Neat solution, Ron. Now if US Air would also start handing out the snap-in crystal knob covers during their beverage service we would have a lot more complete Rangers in the world!

73
Dan
WB4GRA
Winchester, VA

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: GIBSON@ASTRA.LBL.GOV
Subject: RBC/RBB rack cabinet
Message-ID: <970207181237.20400939@ASTRA.LBL.GOV>

I have navy receivers RBB and RBA mounted in a relay rack. To complete installation I need a rack mount RBC or RBB. I do have a RBC in a table-top cabinet so just a rackmount cabinet would be fine.

Have the following trade goods to choose among:

Eimac 304TH NIB.

Eimac 4-1000A/8166 used

Triplett 630 VOM

Heathkit antenna noise bridge HD-1422

BC-779B with PS poor

Hallicrafters S38, 38C,38D

Vac vari cap 1000pf 5KV

Eimac 4-400A used with socket

Eimac 100TH used

Two Eimac 8844 used with sockets and chimney

BC 455B

Greenbacks

Other, send wants.

Thanks, John Gibson, Berkeley, Calif.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: BEN NOCK <106312.1035@compuserve.com>
Subject: S/W Rx's, past/present.. final (from me)
Message-ID: <199702081106_MC2-1103-7853@compuserve.com>

i was told by another member that:

> He is the owner (this Osterman guy)
>of one of the largest shortwave radio businesses in the country and the
book
>is based on what he's seen go through the store and at hamfests in that
time
>-- a pretty extensive, but not all encompasing data base.

Ah ah. That explains the price difference. He's obviously quoting
from the dealers point of view. It happens here also. A 9R-59D might
be 40UKP at a rally, and the same sets I've seen at 90UKP in the
dealers.

I was also told it was a solo effort and that has some bearing.
Dont know why, don't we all do our own jobs. If this guy is the biggest
dealer in christendome he's probably got a lot of staff, and plenty of
time to play, hi.

Anyway, the point was, the quality was good, fine, just that a lot
of very good sets were missing. Fin.

Ben.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: David Ross <ross@hypertools.com>
Subject: SELL: meters
Message-ID: <199702080446.UAA28877@kim.teleport.com>

BAfolk -

I have a whole bunch of meters which may be usable with R-390A and similar

RXs.

These meters were removed from used RT-671/PRC-47 transceivers. They're all made by either DeJur (Model 131) or Ideal (also Model 131), and have a 1 3/4" square bezel with a 1 5/16" square hole pattern, the cast metal bezel is painted black. Scale is white text & graphic on black, upper scale is reasonably linear, with 8 major & 16 minor divisions. The lower scale is labelled "INPUT V." and has no real calibrations, lower 2/3 labelled "LO", upper 1/6 labelled "HI", and 1/6 of scale between "LO" and "HI" filled in with solid white.

They are a 50 microamp DC movement and all have a DC resistance of from 1000 Ohms to 2000 Ohms. Solder terminals on the rear, along with the text "SEALED DO NOT OPEN". The meter can be opened to get to the scale or to zero the pointer, but reassembly can be difficult (getting the rubber gasket to stay in place is tricky).

The bezels show some minor paint scratches, but nothing major. No mounting hardware or mounting gaskets.

I'd rate them about 7 or 8 out of 10. I'll sell tested ones for $18 each or $30 for a cosmetically matched pair, postpaid in the U.S. Please reply directly to me.

73
Dave Ross KA6EPI ross@hypertools.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Sandra L Knepper <slkst29+@pitt.edu>
Subject: Serial numbers and the KWM-2
Message-ID: <Pine.GSO.3.95L.970208090034.8466B-100000@unixs2.cis.pitt.edu>

A rather mundane question: Does anyone have a KWM-2 with a serial number that carries a label number under 226. I just acquired one with that serial number and with a 100 Khz marker crystal date code of 5-59. I am sure that there someone has one with a double digit serial number. Just curious.

This unit has some interesting features:

1. The power socket on the rear apron is NOT the typical blue Amphenol socket but rather brown phenolic. The antenna connector on the opposite end is, however, the characteristic blue socket. No evidence whatsoever of any replacement.

2. The metal insert on the main tuning control is rather plain not the spun finish. It also appears to have a clear plastic

coating to protect the metal.

3. The rear apron metal appears to have swirled finish. (I believe that this finish was mentioned in an earlier post)

I recognize that these "differences" are rather superficial and not particularly noteworthy. Any comments would be appreciated. Thank you.

Dave, W3BJZ
Publisher of the monthly Collins Journal

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Spencer Petri <spetri@e-tex.com>
Subject: Re: Soldering Tips.
Message-ID: <m0vsz5G-00015tC@e-tex.com>

In an old CQ article, the ultimate conversion of a SCR-522 was to pull out the tank coils and use them for soldergun tips.

73 de Pete WA5JCI
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6 Mtr -- WAS #490, WAC CW, DXCC/91 Countries, VUCC/618 Grids
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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: "ROBERT W DOWNS, WA5CAB" <103012.2130@CompuServe.COM>
Subject: RE: SURPLUS CONV. MANUALS BA1251
Message-ID: <970208132034_103012.2130_GHU54-1@CompuServe.COM>

Ed,

Actually, there were seven or eight with that or a very similar title, the three better known ones by Editors & Engineers, two by Cowan, etc. I have an extra E&E Volume Two (the green one) in my TM collection in fair condition (needs to be rebound). If he promises not to do any of the nefarious things discussed

therein, I'll sell or trade it to your friend. :-)

73, Robert W. Downs, WA5CAB
103012.2130@compuserve.com
Houston, TX

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: bsheck@NIMUE.HOOD.EDU (Bob Sheck)
Subject: Re:Tips for WELLER gun
Message-ID: <01IF52WX0HJ6001Z5W@NIMUE.HOOD.EDU>

I used a piece of 12 gauge solid copper wire for a tip. Always
worked fine for me.

Anyone else use this work-around?

de Bob Sheck

At 14:16 2/7/97 -0600, pmills@A.crl.com wrote:
>Gene, they are listed on page 306 of the Mouser catalog....
>
>Mouser stock number is 578-7250 for 2 tips for $3.57....they do not
>have a minimum order, they take plastic, and their number is
>800-346-6873.
>
>I've been using the same Weller 8200 for over 35 years....
>
>good luck & 73,
>Phil

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Bob Reynolds <breynold@sigg.com>
Subject: Re:Tips for WELLER gun -Reply
Message-ID: <97Feb7.160955cst.19641@firewall.sigg.com>

>>> Bob Sheck wrote:
I used a piece of 12 gauge solid copper wire for a tip. Always
worked fine for me.
Anyone else use this work-around?

I did the same on a 80/120 watt gun - #12 worked fine
73, Red K5VOL

breynold@sigg.com

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: william wiggins <bwigg@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Twoer
Message-ID: <19970208151620.AAB26037@LOCALNAME>

I have a Heath Twoer parts unit for sale. Missing mike connector and case. Also appears to have a shorted pwr supply cap. Price $20 shipped to your location

WA4GKI

Billy

Bwigg@worldnet.att.net

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: Weller Gun Parts?
Message-ID: <19970208045136.AAA28322@LOCALNAME>

Speaking of Weller parts:

I'm looking for some jobber out there that still has in stock, a left and right housing
for the Weller WD-135 soldering Gun. The one I've used for the past 40 years is getting a bit raggedy!

For 'tips", I use and have been using, plain old #12 wire salvaged from Romex cable scraps. It works just GREAT. The homebrewed tips don't last quite as long as the 'store bought" ones, but then they are awfully cheap! Radio Shack's tips fit the Weller small and large tipped guns. I do use the Radio Shack tips on my 250 watt Weller gun. The #12 wire is a bit light for this. I guess #10 wire might work on the big iron, but I haven't tried it.

I also use an ancient American Beauty 100 watt iron I bought many, many moons ago. One of those things that lasts forever! It still has the old asbestos type "iron cord" power cable. I used to use them on my Weller iron too since they were so soft and flexible. They stopped selling them at the hardware store years ago. Funny how something that was in general use all of a sudden is a big hazard and gets banned!
(I threw mine away when they got worn!)
73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW
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Metairie, LA., 70001
ebjr@worldnet.att.net
Looking for: Hallicrafters SR-75, 860 tubes
Butternut HF2V antenna, G-R test gear.....*

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: "Roger A. McCarty" <rmccarty@deltanet.com>
Subject: Re: WTB Tips for WELLER gun
Message-ID: <32FBF556.317D@deltanet.com>

Eugene Rippen wrote:
>
> When I work on boatanchors I use my 40+ year old Weller Soldering Gun.
> It is a model D550 and has 2 positions, 240 and 325 Watts. It is also
> good for keeping the shop warm.
>
> I have finally run out of replacement tips.
>
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Gene,

I have been in a similar situation and found that in a pinch, 10 or 12 guage romex bent to the shape of the original tip including the mounting tabs, works as well as the original. "In a pinch" has thus far lasted 2 years.

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: KB9VU@aol.com
Subject: WTB: Chimneys
Message-ID: <970208065436_-1174340200@emout15.mail.aol.com>

Anyone have a pair of SK-406 chimneys they would part with? They are for an old Drake L-4 amp that has a pair of cracked chimneys? Any help?

Thanks.

Mike, kb9vu@aol.com

PS: I've also looked at the possibility of using Coleman lantern chimney's but don't have info yet from the manufacturer.

From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: "JOSE V.GAVILA (EB5AGV)" <eb5agv@ctv.es>
Subject: YAESU FT-200: help needed!
Message-ID: <199702081134.MAA29490@sandra.ctv.es>

Hi BA gang!

I've just been offered an old YAESU FT-200 with matching power supply / speaker and manual copy, and I wonder if it is worth the asking price (about $400). Anyway, I have no idea of the vintage and scarcity of this one, nor its characteristics, so any help would be welcomed.

Thanks!

Best regards.

JOSE

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From boatanchors@theporch.com Sat Feb 8 14:19:10 1997
From: Al Klase <skywaves@webex.net>
Subject: [Fwd: Re: WTB Tips for WELLER gun]
Message-ID: <32FCA746.1F8B@webex.net>

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> Eugene Rippen wrote:

> >
> > When I work on boatanchors I use my 40+ year old Weller Soldering Gun.
> > It is a model D550 and has 2 positions, 240 and 325 Watts. It is also
> > good for keeping the shop warm.
> >
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> Try
>
> John M Kozlowski
> 306 Riverside Ave.
> Buffalo, NY 14207
> 716-875-8538
>
> He does the North East hamfest circuit and specializes in Weller stuff,
> and has a lot of out of production parts.
>
> 73, Al
>
> Al Klase - N3FRQ
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> Flemington, NJ

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